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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED US BUSINESS PURCHASE OF SA DEFENSE BONDS

1. JOHANNESBURG BASED US REPORTER HAS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT IBM OFFICIAL ACCIDENTALLY DISCLOSED IN LATE MARCH/EARLY APRIL THAT IBM HAS PURCHASED SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE BONDS. DISCLOSURE MADE IN JOHANNESBURG BAR WHEN JIM MITTENESS, "D.P. CONSULTANT" FOR IBM SAID THAT IBM WAS TRYING TO PLEASE BOTH SAG AND INVESTMENT CRITICS BY GIVING EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK AND, ON OTHER HAND, PURCHASING DEFENSE BONDS.

2. REPORTER IS ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY IBM PURCHASE THROUGH
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CONTACTS IN SAG BUT IS NOT HOPEFUL INFORMATION AVAILABLE.
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OF PAST CONTROVERSY OVER MUCH PUBLICIZED BARCLAY BANK PURCHASE
OF SA DEFENSE BONDS.NELSON

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